

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 9, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to insert Greek and mathematical characters for portions left as blank squares (□) due to a printer formatting error, and to make other minor changes. These changes remain true to the original French application, and do not introduce new matter.

Subject Matter Indicated Allowed or Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claims 1 – 8, subject to the 35 U.S.C. §112 issues outlined in the Office Action and to their re-writing in independent form. Claims 1 – 8 have been amended as appropriate to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 issues, with the exception of the term “adaptive,” which was not removed from claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner because this term is descriptive of the process of the invention and finds full support and definition in the specification, for example on page 23, lines 22 – 30, in which it is stated that the routing in the inventive process “is automatically adapted to the network load.”

Conclusion

In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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